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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

Wittich KAULE *et al.*

Serial Number: 09/147,398

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Group Art Unit: 3722

Examiner: E. Cadugan

For: A METHOD FOR REPRODUCING EMBOSSED PLATES

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is supplemental to a response submitted on August 13, 2001, which was in response to the Official Action dated April 13, 2001 and Advisory Action dated July 19, 2001.

Examiners Cadugan and Briggs are thanked for the courtesy extended during a personal interview on September 19, 2001. During the interview it was agreed to cancel claims 34 and 35, to delete the newly added Figure 14, and references in the specification to Figure 14. The "substructure" terminology will be changed to be consistent with the specification to overcome the 35 U.S. C. 112 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph rejections. The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 34 and 35, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend Claims 1, 24, 25 and 28-33, as indicated by the clean copy of amended claims 1, 24, 25 and 28-33 in Appendix A, attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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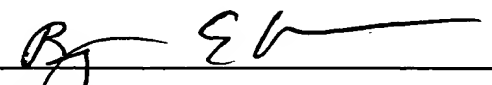
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- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: APPENDIX A (CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS); APPENDIX B (MARKED UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS); COPY OF MERRIAM-WEBSTERS COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY ON-LINE DEFINING "MEANDER"; TWO SHEETS OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS (FIGS. 5-6 AND 14)

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